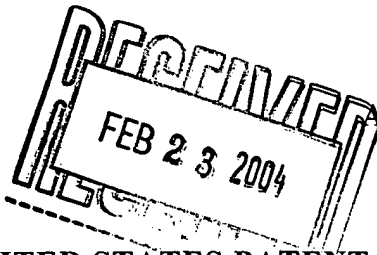
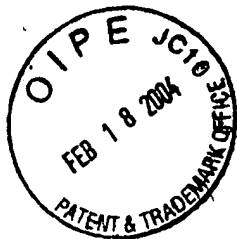


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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the first Office Action, dated November 18, 2003, Applicant requests that the following amendments be entered and remarks considered.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.